

**MINUTES OF THE BELMONT COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 7, 2005**

Present: J. Bruschi, E. Hamann, N. Hegarty, J. Horner, J. Kantor, H. Kazarian,
Lougee, T. Morabito, N. Niv-Vogel, J. Semuels, P. Solomon
Absent: B. Miranda

Neil Hegarty (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. He thanked the Board for their 100% financial support of the new senior center fund raising efforts.

Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the February minutes were reviewed, revisions made and accepted as amended.

Senior Citizens' Concerns: Mary Ann Scali and Barbara Brown delivered copies of the Survey of the Senior Population of Belmont, a League of Women Voters of Belmont project. They reported that there had been a 23% return of surveys sent. It was recommended that a more in depth discussion of this survey occur at the April board meeting. Nava Niv-Vogel volunteered to compile an executive summary of the report after the discussion.

Springwell:

Triple A (Area Agency on Aging): A needs assessment was sent out by Elder Affairs to identify needs of local and state seniors. The State does this every 5 years. There was a 20% return and the results are being collated.

Community Presentation: Sponsored by Springwell on 6/15/05 at 7 PM at the Gore Place

in Waltham. Michael Dukakis will present "Conversations with My Mother as She Grew Older." Call 617-926-4100 or email events@springwell.com to reserve a seat.

Care Connections, a program that provides services to increase senior independence, will soon be coming to Belmont's senior housing. This program was developed by Springwell & provides housekeeping and personal care aides for those in need.

Director's Report: See attached.

Additions:

The Board of Selectmen met on Sat. 3/5 to review the town budget. It appears that funding for the COA custodial position will remain. Final confirmation is awaited.

The Board will host a staff appreciation luncheon at the Senior Center on 3/22.

Senior Center Building Committee: The architect will provide the committee with 2 year cost projections to enable the public to remain informed of any possible changes in cost.

Friends' Board & Committees: The Board will seek membership renewals for 2005.

The major gifts stage of the fundraising campaign is ongoing and progressing well. It was reported that the Belmont Lions Club has made a \$20,000 donation to the building fund.

Old Business:

Establishing the legal status of the BEC, Inc. (Belmont Elderly Citizens, Inc.) continues with guidance from the town counsel. It was reported that, according to the by-laws, the members of the COA and BEC boards may be the same. Some adjustments to the by-laws may have to be made to allow for choice in membership and other issues.

Further discussion will occur at the April board meeting.

The suggestion was made to further discuss the February presentation by Rob Schreiber, M.D. at a Board meeting to identify ways Belmont might implement some of the programs presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyl Solomon